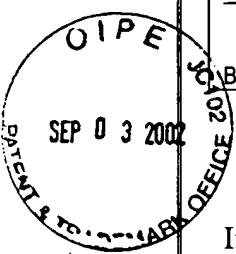


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INHIBIT GASTRIC ACID SECRETION OR
AS A DIURETIC**

Examiner: CHIH MIN KAM

Art Unit: 1654

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2002 containing a Restriction Requirement. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for one month.

REMARKS

In the June 28, 2002 Office Action the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- Group I: Claims 1-12, 20-29, and 31, drawn to a method for increasing the efficacy of a gastric proton pump inhibitor; and
- Group II: Claims 13-19, and 30, drawn to a method of increasing urinary sodium excretion and urine volume by administering a cholecystokinin (CCK) receptor agonist

**In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group
I, claims 1-12, 20-29, and 31.**

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (510) 337-7871.

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